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ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 1515 BATHURST STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5P 3H4

NOVEMBER, 1980

# Annual Reunion and Turkey Roll Friday, December 5, 1980

It's jackets and sweaters time. Everyone is out raking leaves, getting Junior's ice skates out of storage and sharpened for the hockey season. It's time for my beloved Argonauts to take their final lumps of the season. It's also time for the Alumni year to begin and that means "IT'S TURKEY ROLL TIME".

This annual event maintains it's popularity with grads of recent years as well as the vintage crops of days gone by. (Unfortunately, I guess I'm now classed as part of the latter!!) It's the occasion when one has a chance to rehash the old hockey, football, basketball, or debating (or whatever) wins and losses. Surely someone will bring up past wins and losses on the dance floor as well!! It matters not if rain or sleet or snow or hail should fall; we'll all be there. So phone a buddy (preferably one who has never had a chance to enjoy a Turkey Roll) or two and bring him out for a fun-filled evening.

The Turkey Roll will be held (as usual) on the first Friday in December, which this year, happens to fall on December 5th. The festivities at this stag event will commence at 8:00 p.m. in the School gymnasium.

We would recommend parking in the Loblaws lot or even public transit which as you know stops almost at the back door (the subway, that is!!) The reason for this is the fact that due to construction, there is not as much parking around the School itself.

There will be the usual games of chance and the rolls for those Christmas turkeys. Your admission is your $10.00 membership which also covers the cost of the Blue Banner as well as food and refreshments at the Turkey Roll.

We could certainly use some ticket sellers, during the course of the evening, to sell the turkey rolls. So come up front and give us a hand.

"SEE YOU ALL ON DECEMBER 5th, 1980 AT 8:00 p.m. IN THE SCHOOL GYM!!"

# Double Blue Inflation

In a series of meetings recently with Fr. Fitzpatrick, principal of the school, it came as a surprise, though it shouldn't have, that your school and mine was suffering from the sickness that's hitting us all — inflation. And perhaps it is suffering more than we because being a non-profit and non-tax supported institution there just are not the resources at hand to protect it from this killer disease.

I kid you not my fellow alumni, every Catholic high school in this province is fighting an uphill battle to survive these days, and St. Mike's is no exception. Though it has the beginnings of an endowment fund its earnings are not enough to meet even a third of the costs of running the school. And what is worse, inflation is reducing the fund to a no-growth position and if the upward cost spiral keeps to its present rate of increase the capital of the fund will be on the block. That cannot be allowed to happen!

Your Alumni executive is concerned about this. Our school needs a massive injection of concern and support from its sons. I know that support is out there, but the question is: what is the best vehicle to deliver same? Over the next few weeks the Alumni will be meeting regularly with Fr. Fitzpatrick to see what can be done to enlist the help of all the graduates.

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## COMING EVENTS

**SCHOLARSHIP DRAW**
May 6th, 1981

**ALUMNI GOLF**
June, 1981

**FAMILY SKATING**
November 23rd, 1980

**REUNION & TURKEY ROLL**
Friday, December 5th, 1980

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your continued support through membership fees is greatly appreciated. It plays a very important part in our efforts to keep the Alumni Association operating. The present level of the Scholarship Funds which we have been donating to the School is also a reflection of your support.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR $10.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE?

## Double Blue Inflation cont'd.

So early in '81 we will get back to you with a plan that will invite the involvement of all of us so that the school we owe so much to and think so much of will get over these rough economic times. I don't know about you, but I want my son and grandsons at St. Mike's some day.

Enough for now, but in the meantime: "Think St. Mike's!" . . . Get out your old school blazer, put on something double blue and ask yourself what you can do, because when we get a clearer picture of it all we'll be approaching all the grads to help firm up the old Alma Mater.

John McCusker
President

# Where are they now?

**John Bennett** — with Co-op Insurance Claims and is 1980 Parish Chairman of the Archdiocesan ShareLife Campaign.
**Rev. Thomas Day** — Trustee with Metropolitan School Board.
**Tom O'Gorman** — is a Stock Broker with Andras, Hatch, Hetherington
**Gerald White** — Marketing Representative with Bell Canada, Computer Communications Group.
**J. D. Day** — General Manager of Plant Food Dept., Cyanamid Canada Inc.
**Patrick Melligan** — Administrative Officer for Continuing Education Program at Ryerson.
**Patrick Lavelle** — is working in Paris, France.
**Con DiNino** — is the head of Canada's newest trust company, Cabot Trust Co.
**E. Darby Moore** — is the Sales Manager for 3M Photo Inc. in Toronto.
**Michael Garvey** — is a lawyer in Mississauga.
**John Keyser, Q.C.** — is a lawyer in Mississauga, as well.
**Bert Clapperton** — is Asst. Vice-President of Personal Trust & Agency Services, Canada Permanent Trust Co.
**Carl Markerth** — is Vice-President, Pulp & Paper Division, of Diachem Industries Ltd. in Burnaby, B. C.
**Ed McMahon** — is Sales Manager with Gibco Canada.
**Richard Desrocher** — is in real estate in Toronto.
**Mike Rankin** — is Principal of Holy Cross School in Toronto.
**Peter Rankin** — is teaching at Bayview High, Richmond Hill.
**Al Fleming** — is Manager of Bazaar & Novelty Co. in Toronto.
**John O'Donnell** — is a lawyer in Toronto.
**Mark DesLauriers** — is a police constable for the City of Edmonton.
**Paul Gauthier** — is Head Coach with Niagara Falls Flyers.
**Peter J. Higgins** — is an Architect, practising with Moffat & Kinoshita Architects, in Toronto.
**Dan Farrell** — After 7 years as Head Coach of University of Michigan Hockey team, is now associated with another Alumnus, Angelo Comi, at the Brokerage House of Merit Investment Corp.

We are always looking for contributions to this column, so please drop us a line c/o the School or c/o the editor, 41 Roman Rd., Thornhill.

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very pleased to be writing this note to you in this, my second year as President. We had our first Executive meeting in September and it was extremely gratifying to see the best turnout of Executive and Councillors in several years.

The addition of new councillors, such as Dan Farrell (back in town after several years of coaching hockey in Michigan), Paul Grossi, and Bob Dubniak, and the renewed activity of stalwarts like Bob Grossi, and Mike Duffy should give us a very dynamic team this year. Our Executive consists of Dan Brennan (Vice-President), Harry Flood (Secretary), Paul Thomson (Treasurer), Joe Younder (House Chairman), Bill Metzler (Immediate Past President), and of course myself, plus several active councillors.

The year promises to be a good one and will be kicked off by the annual Turkey Roll on December 5, 1980. Our annual Family Skating commences earlier this year (November 23, 1980), followed by the annual Scholarship Draw in May and the Golf Tournament in June. There will also be the annual Basketball Reunion in January and possibly a few other events.

Father Fitzpatrick speaks of a renewed fervor amongst the student body that is encouraging in this era of strife, doom and gloom at every level from the youngest of students to the eldest of senior citizens. Maurice Regimbal refers to the reputation and recognition of St. Mikes that exists across this country of ours. I mentioned earlier a renewed vitality on our Alumni Executive. We are all a part of something very unique and very special in being Alumni of St. Michael's. You owe it to your school and to yourself to continue to be a part of that specialness. Nostalgia may be out for some people, but not that fond rememberance of the people and events that made up your stay at the old Double Blue.

We heartily invite you to participate in the events, spend a couple of hours a month on the Executive contributing ideas or assistance or even to send in the name of an old Alumnus who's name is not on the mailing list.

This should be one of the more interesting years for the Alumni Association and on behalf of the Executive, I wish to extend to you warmest regards in this our 30th year at 1515 Bathurst Street.

Sincerely yours, John H. McCusker

# Where are they now — Special Edition

Every so often, we refer to very special people in this column, and I believe that in this gentleman, we have a very unique person.

Who of you, who grew up anywhere in Ontario, does not remember "Dr. Bennett"?

John M. Bennett graduated with his B.A. in 1912. He is over 90 years of age and continues to support the Alumni Association and has never missed paying his membership in all those years. Dr. Bennett (as we all knew him) spent 42 years as a Provincial Catholic School Inspector, retiring at the age of 70. He was the last Inspector to have had all the schools in Northern Ontario, Pembroke to the Manitoba boundary, twenty two Indian Day schools, many French schools west of Cochrane and all the English schools.

We understand that he had a wonderful 90th Birthday, with a Serra Club mass in his home, representatives of the Knights of Columbus and a host of good friends.

We, the Executive, are awarding our Honorary Membership to Dr. Bennett and we thank him sincerely for his life-long support of the St. Michael's Alumni Association. We know he will continue to be one of the true supporters that make our Association as strong as it is.

# Scholarship Draw 1980

Once again, we are able to report a successful evening. On May 14th, 1980, our annual Scholarship Draw was held at the School. Cocktails were served from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Neal Pupulin supplied delightful background music for a well-prepared, delicious meal that was enjoyed by all. Following he meal, the elimination draw began. One hundred and fifty tickets had been sold and the buyers and their wives or representation were in attendance. Slowly, one by one, the tickets were drawn and the tension mounted. Prizes were awarded at various times to some of those eliminated (25th, 50th, etc.) and the evening moved along. There were a lot of familiar faces there, people like George Cormack, Gene Natale, Vince Pelletier, Doug Wakely, Frank Natale, and Ron Daskovich (forgive the spelling if it's wrong, Ron!!) and on and on and on. They were all having a great time. Jack Dockeray and his wife (just in from

Buffalo and a buying trip) even smiled as they were eliminated! It was an enjoyable evening particularly for the last three tickets drawn. The eventual winners were "The Master Planners" (the teachers, no less!!) We were again able to make an appreciable donation to the Scholarship Fund because of the success of the evening.

We thank all who participated for making the evening an excellent one.

# BOOST THE BUZZERS

A letter, which was sent out to a number of Alumni by Maurice Regimbal (Director of Hockey Operations), is reprinted here in its entirety, for your interest. We hope you will support this program. Your Alumni Association certainly endorses it and have subscribed to several tickets and we hope you will too. At this time, the Buzzers occupy first place in their division. We extend them heartiest wishes for a successful year to the players and management.

The following is the letter which was mailed to about one thousand Alumni. It was impossible to reach everyone. The readers of the Blue Banner are a select group. If this letter has not reached you, I would appreciate a call. Your tickets will be mailed to you immediately.

## ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR B HOCKEY CLUB

*1515 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario - M5P 3H4*

September 15, 1980

Dear Alumnus:

In the past three years hockey has taken on a new dimension at St. Michael's. There are now ten teams wearing the famous double-blue. The challenge is to make sure that all teams reflect the quality and spirit that have made St. Mike's one of the most respected names in hockey in Canada.

This year we want to highlight the "Buzzers", the Jr. "B" team. Winners of their division last year, they show promise again this season. Their new coach Mr. Rick Cornacchia brings with him a wealth of experience. His knowledge and enthusiasm are attracting excellent new talent.

The Metro "B" League, in which the Buzzers play, is entering it's 26th year. This year a new member, Henry Carr Secondary School, is bound to create added interest. The competition should be keen.

The league is presently involved in discussions to establish a scholarship program for the players. This emphasis on education is a new development. It is through the initiative of St. Michael's that the scholarship program was launched.

This letter is a call for help. We invite you to attend the games to be played on Sunday nights at 7:30 at St. Mike's arena.

Make it a family affair. Call it "Hot Dogs and Hockey". Bring the kids a bit early, have a snack, watch the game and you'll be home early enough so all can have a good night's rest. It will give you an opportunity to see the changes that have been made in the arena.

If you cannot attend, we are still asking you to become subscribers. You might take in a few games or offer the tickets to your friends who may themselves become subscribers later.

Enclosed are two season tickets. The cost is $30.00. Your children will be allowed in without charge in the company of either parent. For your convenience a return envelope is provided.

We are counting on you to become "Buzzers Boosters". Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

M. T. Regimbal
653-3180 Local 55

# 1980 Alumni Golf Tournament

Once again, the sun shone on St. Michael's Alumni and their Golf Tournament held on Wednesday, June 4th, 1980 at Carrying Place Country Club. A record 62 golfers teed off this year to battle the winds vieing for the Maurice F. Whalen trophy. Low Gross for the day was Frank McCarthy with a 78. Low Net went to Tom Sheedy with a 71. A bar-b-qued steak dinner was served after the tournament, followed by the presentation of the trophies and distribution of prizes for everyone who played golf.

We appreciated the fact that we were able to award everyone a prize and this was due to the generosity of people such as Gene Natale, John McCusker, Bill Metzler, Gerry Ritza, Bob Thomson, Jack Dockeray, Doug Wakely, Bruce Robertson, Wayne Horan, Danny Brennan, Paul Wilson and all of those players who participated in the event.

We hope to continue to hold this tournament again in 1981 and look for your continued support of this most popular Alumni event. This year we increased our numbers by 22 golfers. Next year, we hope to see 100 golfers out to our tournament. If you attended this year, tell your friends about it and tell them to look for further news early in 1981.

(Publisher's Note: In spite of a terrible score, I must say that this, my first S.M.C. Golf Tourney, was a lot of fun. You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy it as illustrated by my participation. Make up a foursome next year and come on out.)

# Scholarship Draw 1981

This annual event will again be held in May (1981) as has been the custom for several years.

At this time, your Executive is examining the structure and format of this event. This is our main source of revenue to present to the School's Scholarship Funds and with the ever increasing costs to the School, we are looking at the overall picture as to how we, the Alumni, can do more to contribute to the continuing education of those deserving individuals worthy of financial assistance in attending St. Michael's.

Further details will be presented in our next Blue Banner. Should you be interested in contributing some ideas or possibly looking for information, please contact me at your convenience. My residence is 827-5526 and my business is 279-1010.

# Alumni Roundball Classic

The organizers of the annual Alumni Basketball Game have come up with a novel idea — an Alumni Basketball Tournament. Instead of the usual game against the present senior Blue Raider team, the alumni will be divided into teams. It is hoped that enough players for eight teams will be interested. (If the idea catches on, perhaps in the future players could form their own teams.) A draw for a two day tournament will then be arranged. It is hoped that this will accommodate many more Alumni than in the past and will also afford participants much more playing time. We hope that many former St. Michael's basketball players will want to participate.

The Tournament is set for Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7. A small fee will be assessed each player to defray referee expenses. A social hour will be held after the final game on Saturday for alumni and their wives/girlfriends in the Alumni Room.

If you are interested in playing, please phone Coach Prendergast at the school, 653-3180, or John McCusker at 827-5526 and leave your name, address, and phone number. The deadline is January 23rd.

# SPORTS SCENE

**Football** — According to Head Coach, Mike Colle ('63) this edition of the Kerry Blues appears to be as strong as any team in the last three years. The Kerry Blues opened their season with an exhibition win (7-3) over Bishop Brennan. This trip marked a renewed rivalry between Roman Catholic schools in Windsor, which has been dormant some twenty-five years. Both Head Coach, Mike Colle and Assistant Coach, John Mackle ('70) have appreciated the coaching assistance provided by Alumni. Included are Steve Masterson ('76), John Grilli ('78), Tony D'Angelo ('78), John Walsh ('73), Gino Belmonte ('79), Brian Marcy ('78), and Peter Dubniak ('78). As we go to press, the Kerry Blues are having an excellent year, leading the league and have even beaten those traditional "DOWN THE ROAD RIVALS", Michael Power.

**Track & Field** — This year's edition of the S.M.C. Cross Country team will have a difficult time trying to match the accomplishments of the 1979 team. Last year's squad swept the Bantam, Junior, Senior, and overall TDCAA titles and defeated traditional rival, Michael Power, by over one hundred points. That very successful team was ranked number three in the Province. The 1980 team though, is off to a strong start. They were the top boys team at the St. Michael's Invitational and the Belt Line Relay. With a bit of luck, and many miles of training, they should have a most rewarding season.

# Basketball News

Last year the basketball teams at St. Michael's accomplished an historic feat — for the first time in the history of the T.D.C.A.A., the same school captured all three championships. The Senior, Junior, and Bantam Blue Raiders were champions of their divisions. The future looks bright for basketball at St. Michael's. However, this year only three players return to the Senior Blue Raiders with the gaps being filled by Juniors who are moving up. The returning veterans, Kirt Charter, Mark Traynor, and Ernie Pietrobon will be bolstered by some outstanding juniors — Richard Stanley, Jerry Porco, Tony Melo and Al Saplys. The team will have its hands full in retaining the T.D.C.A.A. title.

The highlight of the basketball season, the annual St. Michael's Invitational High School Basketball Tournament, will be held this year on Friday, January 9 and Saturday, January 10th. This is a display of the top high school basketball teams around Metro. Alumni are always welcome.

# Summer Basketball Camp

The summer basketball camp, consisting of 86 campers, was directed by Blue Raider coaching staff Dan Prendergast, Dave Smyth, and Paul Dignan. The special guest instructor was former Blue Raider and Canadian National Team star — Leo Rautins. Other former Blue Raiders who were part of the staff included York University star Ron Kaknevicius, Greg Hook of the University of Guelph and Oscar Traynor.

Pony Shoe Company donated a pair of shoes and five athletic bags for camp awards.

We are looking forward to another big year in the summer of 1981. Should you require any information regarding the camp, please contact Dan Prendergast at the School.

# IN MEMORIAM — Jack Schmidt

It was with deep sorrow that the Alumni Association learned of the death of Jack Schmidt on June 11, 1980.

Jack, an ever faithful supporter of St. Michael's, attended the "Bay Street" school from 1924-28. For many years he organized and attended the Sunday Alumni family skating sessions. Jack possessed an unique sense of humour, which, coupled with his dedication to St. Michael's, made him a much loved person. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to his wife, Eloise, son, John and daughter Tina. He shall be missed but well remembered.

# FAMILY SKATING

When we think of the Family Skating event, it is impossible not to think of Jack Schmidt, who made this event the success it is and who personally ran the event for many years. Jack's passing is mourned by all of us. An article in this edition comments further.

The Family Skating season will begin on November 23rd, this year (which is an earlier start than usual) and will run 'till March 29. There will be no family passes this year. Admission will be a flat fee of 75¢ for adults (16 years and older) and 50¢ for all under 16 years. Due to the higher rental fees of the Arena, and because we wanted to continue to offer this Family Skating to the Alumni, it was necessary to discontinue the family pass. There will be two monitors on patrol each Sunday and the hours will be 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. in St. Michael's Arena.

Everyone is welcome. So dig out the blades, bundle up the kids, and head for the Arena.

# Old Timers Hockey

The new school year not only marks the beginning of a new season for students participating in St. Michael's hockey program, it also marks the start of a new tournament season for the St. Michael's Old Timers hockey squad. The recent growth in Old Timers hockey has provided a great opportunity for the old boys (35 years and over) to participate in a sport they love and also to renew and establish friendships.

Some of the rules of play, such as no body checking and no slap shots, allow many of the old and aching bones on the St. Mike's team to continue playing the game as they once did while students at the School. Where they once played against teams such as the Marlies and the Weston Dukes, they now play against teams called the Burlington Geriatrics and the Guelph Never-Wasers. Soon it may be necessary to replace the team bench with rocking chairs and to fill the water jugs with Geritol instead of water.

The team would like to extend an invitation to all Alumni to attend and to cheer on the Double Blue once again at any of the following tournaments which are being held in their area:

Huntsville — December 4, 5, 6

Montreal — Canadian Old-Timers Hockey Assoc. Nat'l. Tournament — February 1981

Etobicoke — Centennial Arena — April 1981

Guelph — April 1981 (tentative)

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**Friday, December 5th, 1980**

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